



National Biosolids Partnership Interim Audit Schedule

The City of Mankato Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) has scheduled a third party audit of its National Biosolids Partnership (NBP). The NBP is an elective program that promotes the beneficial reuse and best management practices of biosolids produced in the wastewater process. Mankato was designated the first city in Minnesota and 28th in the nation to receive a national biosolids partnership certification. The city works with area farmers, who use biosolids applied as a fertilizer to improve and maintain productive soils and stimulate plant growth.

A third party audit will review program and determine if the program's requirements are being met. The audit begins 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29 and lasts until 4:30 p.m. and again on Wednesday, October 30 from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This event is open to the public, who can attend all or portions of the two-day audit. Time has been set aside on Wednesday from 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. for interested party interviews. Times are tentative. If interested in attending this audit, or to schedule another time slot during this two-day audit, please contact Jim Bruender, general superintendent of water, wastewater and infrastructure 507-387-8666 or jbruender@mankatomn.gov.

Interim audit schedule (tentative)

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

8 a.m.	Arrival at City of Mankato Wastewater Treatment Plant
8:30 a.m.	Opening meeting (attendance as desired)
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.	BMP Dynamics Review Significant changes affecting biosolids program (including documentation) BMP Policy (demonstrated commitment) Effectiveness Reviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Communications program ◆ Corrective and preventive action process ◆ Goals and objectives ◆ Internal audits ◆ Management reviews
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Audit - Management Involvement (including direction, policy, roles and responsibilities, management review)
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	Audit - Critical control points and operational controls
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Audit - Pretreatment
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Audit - Emergency preparedness
4:30 p.m. (approximately)	Daily review (attendance as desired)

Wednesday October 30, 2019

8 a.m.	Daily planning meeting
8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m.	Interested party interviews* <i>* Placeholder only. Interested party interviews can occur at any time during audit at convenience of people being interviewed. Interviews can be conducted by telephone.</i>
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Audit - Biosolids Transportation and use (+ control of contractors)
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Audit - Wastewater treatment, solids conditioning and handling, solids storage

12 p.m. to 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	Audit - Competency, awareness and training
2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.	Review corrective action for open nonconformance
2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.	Examination of outcomes
3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Auditor preparation for closing meeting
3:45 p.m.	Closing meeting (attendance as desired)
4:30 p.m.	Next steps discussion / auditor departure